

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 14 (canceled)

15. (original) A filament assembly for incandescent light sources, the filament assembly comprising:

 a filament having a first spud coil at a first end and a second spud coil at a second end;
 a first lead wire having an inner cut end that is screwed into the first spud coil and a second lead wire having an inner cut end that is screwed into the second spud coil; and
 at least one spur near the end of the first lead wire's inner cut end, and at least one spur near the end of the second lead wire's inner cut end, wherein each of the spurs protrudes laterally beyond a perimeter of the respective first and second lead wires and engages with turns of the respective first and second spud coils.

16. (original) The filament assembly of claim 15, wherein:

 the filament comprises a wire; and
 the first and second spud coils are helical coils of the wire.

17. (original) The filament assembly of claim 16, further comprising:
 an incandescent portion of the filament;
 a first stretched-out portion of the filament between the first spud coil and the incandescent portion; and

 a second stretched-out portion of the filament between the second spud coil and the incandescent portion, wherein:

 the first and second stretched-out portions comprise substantially uncoiled wire.

18. (original) The filament assembly of claim 17, wherein:

 the incandescent portion comprises a helical coil with a pitch approximately equal to the pitches of the first and second spud coils.

19. (original) The filament assembly of claim 18, wherein:

 the incandescent portion is coiled a second time to form a coiled coil.

20. (original) The filament assembly of claim 15, wherein:

 the first lead wire's inner cut end comprises a single spur near the end of the first lead

wire's inner cut end, and a longitudinally directed point at the end of the first lead wire's inner cut end; and

the second lead wire's inner cut end comprises a single spur near the end of the second lead wire's inner cut end, and a longitudinally directed point at the end of the second lead wire's inner cut end.

21. (original) The filament assembly of claim 15, wherein:

the first lead wire is a first foliated lead comprising a sealing foil bookended by an inner lead wire outwardly ending in the first lead wire's inner cut end, and an outer lead wire; and

the second lead wire is a second foliated lead comprising a sealing foil bookended by an inner lead wire outwardly ending in the second lead wire's inner cut end, and an outer lead wire.

22. (original) The filament assembly of claim 15, further comprising:

an outer cut end of the first lead wire and an outer cut end of the second lead wire
wherein:

each of the first lead wire's and second lead wire's outer cut ends has at least one spur near the end of the outer cut end.

23. (original) The filament assembly of claim 22, wherein:

the first lead wire is a foliated lead comprising a sealing foil bookended by an inner lead wire outwardly ending in the first lead wire's inner cut end, and an outer lead wire outwardly ending in the first lead wire's outer cut end; and

the second lead wire is a foliated lead comprising a sealing foil bookended by an inner lead wire outwardly ending in the second lead wire's inner cut end, and an outer lead wire outwardly ending in the second lead wire's outer cut end.

24. (new) The filament assembly of claim 20, wherein:

the single spur and the point are formed in a single operation by cutting the lead wire at an acute angle versus a longitudinal axis of the lead wire.

25. (new) The filament assembly of claim 24, wherein:

the lead wire is cut with a cutting blade that has a blade angle in the range of about 60 degrees to about 120 degrees; and

the acute angle is in the range of about 45 degrees to about 75 degrees.

26. (new) The filament assembly of claim 25, wherein:

the lead wire is cut with a blunt cutting blade.

27. (new) The filament assembly of claim 20, wherein:

the single spur and the point are at opposed ends of the cut end; and

the cut end is cut at an acute angle versus a longitudinal axis of the lead wire.

28. (new) The filament assembly of claim 27, wherein:

the acute angle is in the range of about 45 degrees to about 75 degrees.

29. (new) The filament assembly of claim 15, wherein:

two sides of the cut end form a vertex having an angle in the range of about 60 degrees to about 120 degrees.